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SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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[This publication is designed to disseminate information and instructions to persons in the service of the Bureau of Animal Industry and to proprietors of establishments at which the Federal meat inspection is conducted. It is not intended for general distribution to the public. A supply will be sent to each official in charge of a station or branch of the Bureau service, who should promptly distribute copies to members of his force. A file should be kept at each station for reference.]

CHANGES IN MEAT INSPECTION DIRECTORY.

The following changes have been made since those indicated in Service Announcements of May 15, 1909:

Inspection Inaugurated.

6M. National Packing Company, Railroad avenue and Lincoln street, Spokane, Wash.; Dr. C. W. Deming, inspector in charge.

207. Thelen O'Donnell & Co., 15 Beethoven place, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. S. E. Bennett, inspector in charge.

237. Jacob Zimmerman, 301 West Fourth street, Wilmington, Del.; Dr. J. W. Montague, inspector in charge.

452. Joseph R. Shimer Company, 16 First street, Phillipsburg, N. J.; H. C. Folmer, inspector in charge.

19E. The Cudahy Packing Company of Nebraska, Salt Lake City, Utah; Dr. D. M. Woollen, inspector in charge.

307. Charles A. Davis, Portsmouth, N. H.; P. H. Hyde, inspector in charge.

393. Margolis Kosher Wurst Manufacturing Company, 28 Poplar street, Boston, Mass.; Dr. J. F. Ryder, inspector in charge.

2YY. Armour & Co., 59 Morris street, North Adams, Mass.; D. B. Kiely, inspector in charge.

456. A. Henry Lotz, 9–11 Chauncey street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Albert Long, inspector in charge.

Inspection Discontinued.

*587. Nichols & Hershey, Olathe, Kans.

587A. Nichols & Hershey, 132 Cherry street, Olathe, Kans.

312. John A. Schultz, 321 Main street, Cambridge, Mass.

637. Henry Weitzel, 409 Knickerbocker avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

* Conducts slaughtering.

363. John Gewinner Steam Sausage Manufacturing Company, 1429 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

75. St. Louis Union Packing Company, Second street and Bremen avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

78A. Halstead & Co., 211 Market avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Change in Firm Name.

437. Conrad Koch, 417 Bloomfield street, Hoboken, N. J., instead of Koegler & Koch.

Change in Firm Address.

296. The Kroger Grocery and Baking Company, corner Bank and Winchell streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, instead of 2829 Massachusetts avenue.

New Stations.

North Adams, Mass., D. B. Kiely, inspector in charge.

Phillipsburg, N. J., H. C. Folmer, inspector in charge.

Portsmouth, N. H., P. H. Hyde, inspector in charge.

Salt Lake City, Utah (under Woods Cross, Utah), Dr. D. M. Woollen, inspector in charge.

Station Discontinued.

Olathe, Kans.

Names Added to Address List.

H. C. Folmer, care Joseph R. Shimer Company, Phillipsburg, N. J.

P. H. Hyde, care Charles A. Davis, Portsmouth, N. H.

D. B. Kiely, care Armour & Co., 59 Morris street, North Adams, Mass.

Dr. A. E. Wight, room 4 Post-Office building, Lancaster, Pa.

BRITISH REGULATIONS GOVERNING IMPORTED MEATS.

A circular issued April 29, 1909, by the local government board of England under the public health (regulations as to food) act of 1907, in connection with the public health (foreign meat) regulations of 1908, contains the following provisions:

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF "MESS PORK" AND CERTAIN OTHER PORK PRODUCTS IMPORTED IN BRINE.

The board have caused inquiries to be made regarding certain imported pork products described as mess pork, salted pigs' tongues in brine, pigs' spare ribs in brine, and pigs' feet in brine, with a view to determining whether these articles, when not accompanied by an official certificate, should be regarded as coming within the definition of "Foreign meat of Class I" of the Foreign Meat Regulations, 1908. On the facts reported they have expressed the view that these products may at the present time be regarded as coming within the definition of "Foreign meat unclassed." The question of official certification in the case of salted pig products generally will be subject to further consideration in connection with any regulations which may be made in future in respect of foreign meat.

EXAMINATION OF FROZEN CARCASSES OF PIGS.

In the examination under the regulations of carcasses of pigs for the detection of disease conditions it is important that inspection should be made of the lymphatic glands and other parts about the throat. Such inspection is, however, at present

frequently impracticable in the case of carcasses arriving in a frozen condition without first thawing or splitting down the carcass or causing the head to be removed.

The board understand that with a view to obviating the inconvenience and loss of time which such measures entail, importers of frozen pig carcasses are making arrangements for the parts about the throat to be well exposed by the use of skewers before and after freezing. It is desirable that the medical officer of health should bring this arrangement to the notice of importers in cases where difficulty of examination is experienced. The board would be glad in due course to be informed of the extent to which, in practice, it is adopted and is found to meet the difficulty referred to.

PACKING OF FROZEN "OFFAL."

Large quantities of frozen livers, kidneys, hearts, tongues, ox skirts, ox cheeks, plucks, sweetbreads, etc., known in the trade as frozen "offal," are imported at certain ports. This "offal" is usually packed in boxes or bags, and considerable difficulty has been experienced in its examination in consequence of the organs in question being frozen into a solid mass, molded to the shape of the receptacle. In certain instances sample boxes or bags have been thawed out and the contents ascertained to be unsatisfactory either on account of evidence of disease or of decomposition in the center of the mass.

It is important that the medical officer of health at the ports concerned should give attention to the condition of consignments of frozen "offal," and should examine them by thawing out specimen boxes or bags and deciding as to further examination of the consignment from the results so obtained. In this respect, however, consideration should be given to the manner in which the articles have been packed. Marked improvements in packing have taken place since the regulations took effect. Ox kidneys, hearts, tongues, skirts, and other "offal" are, in many cases, now being separately frozen in the country of origin before being packed, and arrive in such a way that on opening the package the organs retain their natural shape and permit of individual examination. In the case of such consignments, thawing for inspection need only be adopted in suspicious cases or resorted to as an occasional check.

Livers and plucks.—In the case of packages containing frozen livers and plucks it is specially desirable, with a view to the detection of disease conditions, that the ordinary examination made of a consignment should comprise thawing out specimen boxes. Even in these cases, however, the extent to which this proceeding is necessary is diminished where the organs have been separately frozen and packed in the manner referred to.

Small kidneys and sweetbreads.—Small organs, particularly lambs' sweetbreads, pigs' kidneys, and sheep's kidneys, have frequently been imported in large boxes or bags in which they form a frozen mass which does not admit of inspection without previous thawing. It has been represented to the board that separate freezing of each organ would in certain cases make it difficult to transport these articles in a marketable condition, and inquiries have been made as to alternative methods of packing which would ordinarily suffice to give the facilities necessary for inspection. The board are advised that the case can, to a large extent, be met, in the case of kidneys, by packing so that the frozen contents of the box or bag consist of not more than two layers of kidneys which have not been tightly pressed together; and in the case of sweetbreads, by the use of shallow boxes or other contrivances which secure that the frozen sweetbreads form a comparatively thin layer, e. g., 2 to 2½ inches in depth. The board understand that some packers, with a view to facilitating inspection under the regulations, have already adopted this method of packing the small organs in question.

MEAT INSPECTION REPORTS.

In reporting on I. D. Forms 116 and 121 the same description of the product should be given as appears on the certificate, and this description should be written on the line immediately preceding the weight.

BLANKS FOR REPORTING VIOLATIONS OF CATTLE SCABIES REGULATIONS.

I. D. Form 24–G, for reporting violations of the regulations in transporting cattle from an area quarantined for scabies, has been enlarged and revised, but as comparatively few stations report such violations the new form will be distributed only to stations having use for them. Inspectors in charge of such stations should make immediate requisition for a supply of the new form, and after its receipt should discontinue the use of the old blank.

BUREAU STATION OFFICES IN FEDERAL BUILDINGS.

The Bureau wishes to take steps to obtain office accommodations in Federal buildings when practicable. The inspector in charge at each station where a Federal building is located or proposed, and where the Bureau has not already been provided with accommodations in such buildings, are directed to report on the subject, with recommendations. Full information is desired as to convenience of location, the approximate area of floor space required by the Bureau, and whether there is any vacant space not allotted to other branches of the Government service.

PROMOTIONS DELAYED FOR LACK OF FUNDS.

On account of a considerable increase in the cost of inspection, due to the constantly increasing number of establishments under Federal inspection without a corresponding increase in the funds appropriated for carrying on the work, the Bureau now finds it impossible to adhere to the schedules of promotions which have in the past been announced in connection with the positions of veterinary inspector, stock examiner, and inspector's assistant. As a result a number of employees have unfortunately failed to receive the promotions which they expected and which the Bureau fully intended to make as planned. Nevertheless the Bureau wishes to assure all faithful employees that their work is appreciated and that their cases will be considered just as rapidly as possible.

In view of this notice inquiries on this subject from Bureau employees are being filed without reply.

LAW CONCERNING PRESENTS TO SUPERIOR OFFICERS.

The attention of all Bureau employees is directed to section 1784 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which reads as follows:

No officer, clerk, or employee in the United States Government employ shall at any time solicit contributions from other officers, clerks, or employees in the Government service for a gift or present to those in a superior official position; nor shall any such officer, clerk, or employee receive any gift or present offered or presented to them as a contribution from persons in the Government employ receiving a less salary than themselves; nor shall any officer or clerk make any donation as a gift or present to any official superior. Every person who violates this section shall be summarily discharged from the Government employ.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS DESIRED.

Bureau employees are requested to send to the Washington office clippings of any newspaper articles relating to the Bureau's work or to subjects that may be of interest to the Bureau. I. D. Form 58 may be used in forwarding clippings, and the envelope should be marked "Clippings."

DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS AMONG EMPLOYEES.

It appears that publications sent to stations are sometimes not properly distributed among employees. Attention is called to the paragraph at the head of the list of publications in Service Announcements each month. Usually it is impracticable to send enough copies of a publication to supply all employees, and the number sent is based upon the nature of the publication, the number of copies printed, and the size of the force. When a supply of publications reaches a station copies should be distributed promptly and to best advantage among members of the force, according to the judgment of the inspector in charge. It may be well to reserve a few copies for future requests.

By examining the list of publications in Service Announcements each month members of the force may inform themselves as to those issued from time to time, and any employee desiring a copy of a recent publication should apply to the station office before writing to Washington.

PUBLICATIONS IN MAY.

[Publications intended for employees are sent in bulk to inspectors in charge at the different stations, and no mailing list of individual employees is kept. Owing to the limited editions and the large number of Bureau employees, as a rule only sufficient copies are sent to supply the more important employees. Requests from any employee for publications, however, will be complied with as far as practicable. Regulations will be supplied to inspectors in charge as freely as may be required for official use.]

Bulletin 110, Part 1. A Biometrical Study of Egg Production in the Domestic Fowl. I. Variation in Annual Egg Production. By Raymond Pearl and Frank M. Surface. Pp. 80, figs. 17.

Farmers' Bulletin 357. Methods of Poultry Management at the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station. Compiled by Raymond Pearl. Pp. 39, figs. 10.

Office of the Secretary, Circular 29. Test of Roberts's So-called Anti-Abortion Serum. Pp. 1.

Amendment 2 to B. A. I. Order 152. To Prevent the Spread of Scabies in Cattle.

Releases from quarantine on account of scabies in cattle the counties of Trego, Sheridan, and Thomas, in the State of Kansas.

Amendment 1 to B. A. I. Order 158. To Prevent the Spread of Splenetic Fever in Cattle.

Places the counties of Irion and Sterling and a portion of Tom Green County, in the State of Texas, in the quarantined area from which cattle shall only be moved or allowed to move interstate in accordance with the regulations for immediate slaughter.

SERVICE CHANGES IN MAY.

Appointed.

Bass, C. D., agent in tick eradication, Nashville, Tenn. (field).
Callahan, M. B., skilled laborer (temporary), Bethesda, Md.
Creech, Gilbert T., agent in scabies eradication, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Davis, W. L., agent in scabies eradication, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Dolan, F. F., agent in scabies eradication, Denver, Colo. (field).
Dent, S. P., agent in tick eradication, Nashville, Tenn. (field).
Dragon, Daniel, teamster (temporary), Middlebury, Vt.
Dunn, Piatt, agent in scabies eradication, Bismarck, N. Dak.
Durham, Leon, agent in scabies eradication, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Ewers, Smith V., agent in scabies eradication, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Fagan, James F., clerk-typewriter, Washington, D. C.
Hammond, George, skilled laborer (temporary), Middlebury, Vt.
Heaton, E. J., skilled laborer (temporary), Bethesda, Md.
Lamorder, William, painter (temporary), Middlebury, Vt.
Lampert, Nathaniel H., clerk (stenographer and typewriter), Sacramento, Cal. (transferred from Bureau of Chemistry).
McCarthy, Timothy, meat inspector, Paterson, N. J.
Matthews, Charles S., clerk-typewriter, Kansas City, Kans. (field).
Pollard, E. J., agent in tick eradication, Nashville, Tenn. (field).
Query, Worth N., agent in tick eradication, Atlanta, Ga.
Sollie, John, expert buttermaker, Albert Lea, Minn.
Snow, Ralph E., agent in scabies eradication, Denver, Colo. (field).
Timmerman, Jeff L., agent in tick eradication. Atlanta, Ga.
Zimmerman, James H., agent in scabies eradication, Sacramento, Cal.

Reinstated.

Crumbaugh, Lawrence W., meat inspector, South Omaha, Nebr.
Maxson, Rufus Y., stock examiner, South Omaha, Nebr. (meat inspection).
Welch, Roscoe R., junior dairyman, Washington, D. C.

Resigned.

Clark, George W., clerk, Sioux City, Iowa.
Jerome, Lawrence R., meat inspector, Los Angeles, Cal.
Leaf, Roy, inspector's assistant, Walla Walla, Wash.
McCunningham, Dan, live-stock inspector, Oklahoma, Okla. (field).
Mackenzie, George A., veterinary inspector, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Services Terminated.

Davies, John D., carpenter (temporary), Bethesda, Md.
Heaton, E. J., skilled laborer (temporary), Bethesda, Md.
Holland, George E., meat inspector, Jersey City, N. J. (appointment revoked).
Lauman, Fred J., veterinary inspector, Wichita, Kans.
Milde, Hugo, agent in tick eradication, Oklahoma, Okla. (field).
Pegg, Floyd, agent in tick eradication, Oklahoma, Okla. (field).
Phelps, Norman N., carpenter (temporary), Bethesda, Md.
Riley, Frank H., meat inspector, San Francisco, Cal.
Riley, Richard M., agent in tick eradication, Oklahoma, Okla. (field).
Riseling, Frederick, clerk, Oklahoma, Okla. (field).
Smith, William, teamster (temporary), Middlebury, Vt.
Stauffer, John A., veterinary inspector, Bismarck, N. Dak. (died).
Strey, William, meat inspector, New York, N. Y.
Swansey, W. C., agent in tick eradication, Oklahoma, Okla. (field).
Theaker, Frank W., agent in tick eradication, Oklahoma, Okla. (field).
Walker, Leo F., inspector's assistant, Buffalo, N. Y.
Weber, John H., agent in scabies eradication, Pendleton, Oreg.
Wilson, George, painter (temporary), Middlebury, Vt. (appointment revoked).
Worley, J. C., agent in scabies eradication, Sacramento, Cal.

Removed.

Brown, Thomas P., meat inspector, St. Louis, Mo.
Vogt, Louis, meat inspector, New York, N. Y.

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